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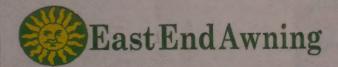
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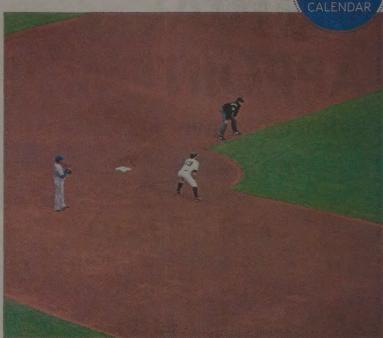


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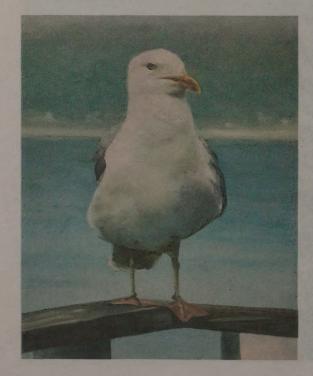
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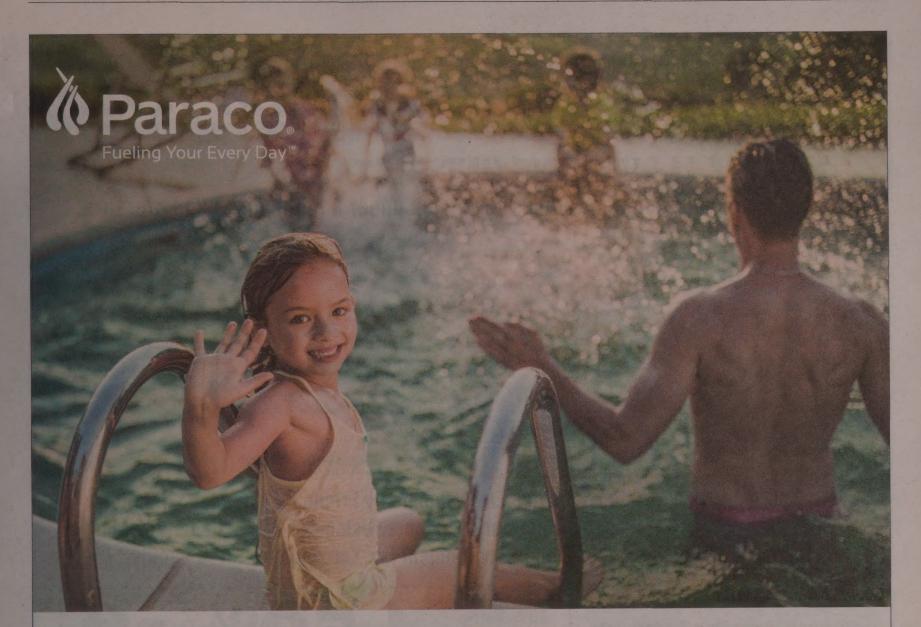


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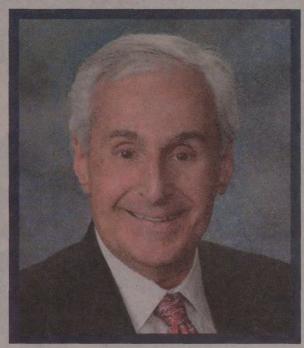
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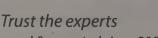
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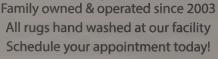


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ON BON JOVI

East Hampton's **Jon Bon Jovi** is writing a new song with the help of fans. The beloved musician **posted** a video to his YouTube channel with an **inspiring** message to his followers in response

to the COVID-19 crisis. Bon Jovi wrote the first verse and chorus of "Do What You Can," and has enlisted his fans to write their own verses with the hashtag #DoWhatYouCan. "These are trying times," Bon Jovi says in the video. "Here's my idea. We write this one together. I'm going to play the second verse while you tell me your story." Check out some fan submissions by searching #DoWhatYouCan on YouTube.

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As Coronavirus continues to take its toll, relief efforts are more and more imperative. New York, which is considered an epicenter of the virus, is in need of as much help as it can get. Many stars, including Hamptonites, are helping raise money for Mount Sinai hospital. Montauk's Julianne Moore, Sagaponack's Jimmy Fallon, Debra Messing, Jill Zarin and many others are fundraising for the major NYC hospital. "Now more than ever the healthcare workers at @ MountSinaiNYC need our support to save & protect lives in the fight against #COVID19. If you can give, scan this code on your phone's camera or directly donate at #MountSinaiStrong," wrote Moore on Instagram. Moore is one of several celebrities using a Flowcode, providing an easy way to donate.



Hamptonite **Dick Cavett**, now 83 years old, had an incredible run on television. His eponymous talk show, *The Dick Cavett Show*, featured interviews with tons of celebrities, from Paul Newman to Sag Harborite **Julie Andrews** to



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Marlon Brando and more. A new essay by BBC's **Christina Newland** explores the legacy of Cavett's work, which went beyond typical talk show interviews for more in-depth discussions. Cavett has a long history in the Hamptons. His Montauk estate is currently for sale, and he has been an active member of the arts community on the East End, reading the winning essay at the Dan's Papers Literary Prize in 2018 and being involved with the Hamptons International Film Festival. Read the essay at bbc.com.

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BY DAN RATTINER

DOWN IN THE TUBE

We are preparing to resume our service as soon as social restrictions are lifted, whenever that is. President Trump however has assured Commissioner Aspinall that he will be among the first to know.

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Alec Baldwin was seen in Amagansett on the sidewalk, looking longingly down the stairs to the subway platform below and apparently hoping the service would reopen soon. That was on Wednesday afternoon.

LEASING THE PLATFORMS

As reported last week, Hamptons Subway is leasing the platform space at all its stations while the hunkering-down situation continues. As reported, one tenant, the Great Lakes Art Gallery from Duluth, Minnesota, has leased the Southampton platform to show its sensational array of paintings of the Great Lakes. Also, the East Hampton platform has been leased by Giuseppi Figaro, who is operating a barber shop there with the barber chairs set six feet

apart and the haircutting done remotely. Giuseppi uses a special flying drone scissors he invented to cut hair via his TV remote control from the safety of his home in Hampton Bays.

Now a third tenant has leased space on a platform. Franklin Barkley Obtuse, the peanut butter billionaire from the Upper East Side, has rented the Water Mill platform to store the 3,000 rolls of toilet paper he purchased at King Kullen in Bridgehampton two weeks ago. This will keep his oceanfront Mecox mansion in toilet paper for an infinite number of years, or until the sequester order is lifted.

SPEAKEASY DISCOVERED

Because the Hamptons Subway system was constructed by builder Ivan Kratz in 1928 but then never opened because the Crash of '29 wiped Kratz out (and sent him to jail), our maintenance staff today is occasionally finding old artifacts in previously locked storage rooms along the walls of the tunnels between the stations.

Last Thursday, for example, they discovered a complete classic speakeasy. Prohibition was in effect in those days, and this speakeasy stood behind a never-opened unmarked heavy steel

door with a peephole between Water Mill and Bridgehampton so hopefuls could say "Joe Sent Me" to gain access. Inside, our maintenance crew found a 50-foot-long bar with a mirror and shelves along the back wall, stocked with all sorts of nonalcoholic beverages such as old bottles of apple juice, prune juice, orange juice, Coca-Cola, ginger ale, club soda and tonic water. However, in a secret locked drawer under the bar facing the bartender, bottles of Scotch, rye, rum, vodka, gin, bourbon and bootleg hooch were found. All was removed and transported to the safe in the oceanfront home of Commissioner Aspinall in Southampton.

TRAINS ARE RUNNING ANYWAY

Because subway trains left standing for long periods of time can develop fuel-pump-hose trouble and busted pistons or carburetors, the Hamptons Subway trains are being taken out every day to run them at 10 miles an hour along the entire Hamptons Subway system circuit, from Montauk to Westhampton Beach and back, every hour on the hour to keep them fresh. So the Commissioner says if you really need to get from point A to point B on any given day, you are welcome to come down to any platform-the turnstiles can be jumped—and just hop on board any train as it passes through any station. It's free of charge and he won't tell anybody.

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& Police BLOTTER

CYANOBACTERIA DANGER QUESTIONED

FROM THE COLD CASE FILES OF POLICE BLOTTER

Many cases remain unsolved in the Hamptons Police Department. A special task force remains on the job to continue searching for new evidence that may lead to closure. These are their stories... or at least one of them, for now.

Last Investigated: April 24, 2000: The Hamptons Police Department struggled to maintain order this week as hundreds of residents attempted to swim in Southampton's highly polluted Lake Agawam, and the search remains on for the individual or group responsible for inciting the mass action. The rush of swimmers followed a federal Board of Environmental / Ecological Safety and Success (BE / ESS) announcement that cynobacteria (aka blue-green algae) is just as safe as mercury, and despite HPD officers' best effort, a number of people made it into the water.

On Tuesday, the Hamptons Municipal Board

issued an order prohibiting citizens from swimming at Lake Agawam, and refuting BE / ESS claims about cyanobacteria safety.

"All fact and reason tell this governing body that cynobacteria is, in fact, not safe," the order explains. "We're unsure why the federal BE / ESS is arguing otherwise, and until our independent panel of scientists and experts says something different, we will continue blocking our residents from swimming in it," the Municipal Board message continues, adding, "Besides, there's an entire poison-free ocean just up the road. Go swimming there"

Oddly, police say Lake Agawam was never a popular place for swimming—even before blue-green algae made it unsafe. "It's absurd, but we're beginning to think people are desperately trying to get into the water simply because the federal government says they can, and because

local leaders oppose that view," HPD spokesman Rex Gallant told members of the press on Wednesday. "We really don't know why anyone would do something so foolish just to stand against local officials, but it appears that's exactly what's happening."

The swimmers, on the other hand, say they're packed cheek-by-jowl in Agawam Park to support the BE / ESS and U.S. leadership, and to shine a light on what they describe as a Municipal Board hoax. "I grew up with fish tanks and they always had green algae growing in 'em—and guess what? That never hurt me, so what changed?" one particularly vocal swimmer, Billy

Gune Cotton said, wearing nothing but a Speedo and flip-flops as he pushed through the crowd at Agawam Park on Tuesday. "Even the mercury thing makes perfect sense—of course it's safe! I've had thermometers under my tongue or elsewhere in my body since I was a newborn. I'm 45 years old now and healthy as a horse," Cotton added before walking away screaming "blah, blah, blah" and covering his ears when people tried to explain how thermometers work.

"This entire incident is deeply concerning to both the Hamptons Police Department and the Municipal Board," Gallant said during an exclusive interview with Dan's Papers. "We're hearing rumors that folks are talking about drinking the toxic lake water to prove their point, so it's a safe bet this thing is far from settled," the HPD spokesman continued. "We're at a loss. Let's just hope logic and reason prevail."





Sailing Through Time

A journey to the past, and maybe into the future, on a little glass boat





BY ERIC FEIL

"All time is all time. It does not change. It does not lend itself to warnings or explanations. It simply is."

I cannot exactly recall the first time I read *Slaughterhouse-Five* and came across Kurt Vonnegut's notion of time not as linear but as an entirety that exists in whole, never changing. In all these years, though, I have never forgotten it. If you could see like a Vonnegut character, or the author himself, then time stops moving. "Take it moment by moment, and you will find that we are all, as I've said before, bugs in amber." Ah, the Sagaponack scribe could say it like nobody else.

We're not quite there in terms of knowing where we're headed or where we've been. Even where we are at this very moment doesn't always feel solid. In growing numbers and with increased frequency, people are referencing the unusual nature of time these days. Typical daily rhythms have given way to a normal described as new, one that seems to be new again every single day, in some form or another. It isn't just hours that pass differently, although they certainly do seem to be moving more quickly from sunup to sundown, even as the days grow longer. Weeks feel closer to months, yet fly by in what was surely only a day or two, right?

"Was that really only a month ago?" "Wait, did that only happen on Monday? It feels so much longer!" Maybe it's because there is so much unknown in the days, weeks and months to come. Or because so much has changed so quickly. People find themselves trying to get more of a handle on it, trying to figure out how it will change a future we haven't seen, attempting to get perspective on what happened to the last 24 hours, the last week, the last month...

Or last quarter-century, for that matter.

Some 25 years ago—it may have been a little longer, or perhaps a year or two shorter, but such are the tricks of time—my wife (depending on that time, she may not have been my wife yet) and I were strolling through Greenport on a random summer afternoon. It wasn't the village we've all seen blossom in many ways over the past decade, but remarkably the feel was, in many ways, very much the same. We bustled along with the crowd at Claudio's, then did nothing while we watched the ferry head back and forth on its Shelter Island journey. Time was not of the essence. Strolling in and out of bars and shops, in search of nothing in particular. A block or two off Front Street, somehow off the beaten path, we found ourselves in a small gallery.

There was the usual collection of paintings and objects d'art, and as we were browsing, a small frame caught our eye. It was about eight inches square, encasing not a painting but just two pieces of sea glass, placed one above the other on a tiny scrap of handmade paper to resemble a sailboat.

The gallery owner spied us looking at it and walked over. He was eager to explain that the artist was an 11-year-old girl (or maybe she was 8) who had begun creating and selling these tiny sea glass creations to start making money to pay for college. Naturally, we were charmed.

Sea glass owes its existence to, more than any other factor, time. Tossed and tumbled in the ocean, changed in unpredictable ways, sharp edges turning softer and frosted over the decades. When it washes ashore, nobody knows its origins or how long it took to arrive in that spot. Sailboats, at the whims of wind and waters, similarly will get where they're going when they get there. Yes, you can trim the sails and take the rudder, but you don't know when the winds and tides will change. You plan for the journey, do what you can in the moment, sail on.

We bought the sea glass sailboat, and to this day it hangs in our home. It elicits the same simple joy it did as when we first saw it in a gallery that is now merely memory. A card was glued to the back, with a short writeup about the artist, but it has faded and worn away to nothing. I cannot recall her name, although Kathleen or Lindsey comes to mind. I have no idea where or if she went to college, or if she is still an artist. She would be in her 30s now, living I don't know where and pursuing I don't have a clue what.

I've had an idea from time to time to write about that piece of art, imagining that an artist would like to know that something she made has meaning in somebody else's life. As with countless plans best laid, this one too went awry. Until now.

It feels like only yesterday, or maybe last weekend, that we were first seeing this sailboat, considering with a bit of wonder how someone so young using something so old could create something brand new. Is she reading this now? Will she see it at all? Might somebody in her family recognize it, not a bug in amber but a tiny boat under glass, and will they share it with her? Once this story goes out into the world, how many days or weeks or months or years will pass until we know?

Only time will tell.

New Rules

How Major League Baseball Will Return Observing Social Distancing



STADIUMS HAVE BEEN EMPTY SO FAR THIS YEAR, BUT NEW RULES ARE COMING FOR HOW TO FILL THOSE SEATS.

BY DAN RATTINER

At a press conference late yesterday, Major League Baseball officials announced that the 2020 season will shortly get underway. This is great news for all sports fans, especially those on the East End who drive or take the Jitney to Yankee Stadium or Citi Field.

Many rules have been changed, though. Here are the major ones.

Outfielders may not leap up against the outfield walls to rob a batter of a home run by putting a hand, even a gloved one, within six feet of a fan.

If two outfielders accidentally run into one another while trying to catch a fly ball, the game is immediately cancelled.

A team of players rushing out of a dugout to attack a pitcher who hit a batter on the bean immediately forfeits the game.

There are two first bases. The first is three feet closer to home plate for the runner. The second is three feet further from home plate for the fielder. If a runner gets to his first base before the fielder catches the ball and steps on his first base, the runner is safe. If the reverse is true, the runner is out.

The same is true for second and third base.

Stealing a base is not allowed. Sliding into a base is not allowed. Tagging a runner with the ball is not allowed. Running down a baserunner between two bases is considered an out as soon as any infielder on the baseline between the two bases received the ball. A pitcher picks off a base runner if he throws to a fielder who steps on the fielder's base before the baserunner steps back on the runner's base. Throwing a spitball gets a pitcher thrown out of the game and banned from future play for a month.

If a pitcher falters and the manager comes out





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to talk to him, the pitcher puts on earphones and listens to his coach talking into a lapel microphone from a six-foot distance. He responds by nodding or shaking his head.

At home plate, the batter stands over the plate with his bat ready for a pitch, but the catcher is six feet behind the batter.

Two umpires call balls and strikes. One stands six feet behind the catcher to see if the ball goes over at least a piece of the plate. Another umpire stands six feet off to the side to see if the pitch is between the chest to knees. If either one or both of the two umpires calls the pitch out of the strike zone from his perspective, the call is a ball. Otherwise a strike.

Foul balls must be allowed to drop without being fielded. Doing otherwise is courting danger.

If a runner is rounding third heading for home, the catcher must get six feet away after touching home plate while holding the ball in front of the runner to get the runner out.

Any team that tries a double play by throwing to second and then to first is disqualified.

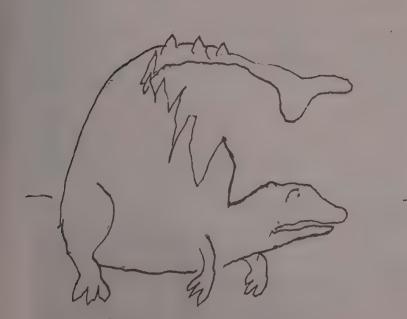
Spectators must wear masks and gloves and be 10 feet from one another in the stands instead of six. Since a stadium seat is approximately 16 inches wide, no spectator may sit within seven seats of another spectator. Tickets are sold accordingly. In a 40,000-seat stadium such as Citi Field, this means an attendance of 7,312 is a

Once seated, no spectator may go up the stairs to buy food or drink. Instead, food or drink may only be sold by the vendors walking up and down the aisles (as they do today) who must now wipe down whatever they sell with a hand-sanitizer cloth before setting it on the ground in a bag near the purchaser.

Having players stand in a line to high-five other players trotting past at the end of a game is forbidden.

Until Opening Day, Hamptonite couch potatoes can continue to watch these 10 excellent baseball films: The Bad News Bears, Eight Men Out, A League of Their Own, Bull Durham, Moneyball, Field of Dreams, The Natural, Bang the Drum Slowly, Major League and The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Motor Kings.

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This Week's Cover Artist: Gia Schifano



ADDITIONAL WORK BY GIA SCHIFANO, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: "HEATHER ON THE BEACH" "SAGAPONACK SUNRISE" "PIEDMONT" "RESTLESS" "A WALK WITH GRANDMA" "BLUE ROWBOAT"

requent *Dan's Papers* cover contributor Gia Schifano talks about growing up on the East End, using photography as inspiration and more.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

I spend my summer days cruising around North Sea in my kayak looking for interesting photostotake from the perspective of sitting in the water towards the land instead of standing on the shore and shooting from land to water. I think that is what makes

my work a little bit different. It was low tide, so the water was still and the color was deep green instead of blue. The reflection an object gives into the water is always what draws me to the subject.

Talk about your art style.

Realism has always been my thing. I've tried to loosen up now and then, but it never works out, I just don't think like that. My photographs are my sketchpad, it's what I plan from. I feel that my paintings create a visual journal of the places that mean something to me. So much of what I remember about the Hamptons as a child has disappeared so it's important to represent



nature in a way that shows its importance to the landscape in an effort to preserve it for generations.

Tell us about your artistic process.

My artistic process revolves around the numerous reference photos I take. Shuffling through finding something that speaks to me and maybe cropping until I find just the right composition, then it's time to paint. Some flow more easily than others. Two things that I try to always keep

in mind particularly if I'm struggling—paint what you see, not what you think you see, and don't try to paint like someone else; you'll never be someone else, just be you. That's all that is ever needed. I learn something about myself and my craft in every painting.

If you weren't an artist what would you be doing?

I can't really say what I'd be doing if I wasn't an artist. Memories of drawing and painting take me back to kindergarten. I do have another career, I'm a secretary in a high school. I suppose that satisfies my analytical side, but I always try to bring some creativity into my day whenever possible. I have never dreamed of being anything that didn't include art in some way. I remember way back, when you're deciding what you want to be when you grow up, thinking about what it would be like to be an architect but I hate math with a passion so I'm pretty sure that wouldn't have worked out. Art will always be a part of me.

What inspires you most?

My inspiration for my paintings comes from nature. Sea and land, birds and boats on a beautiful clear day, where the water is still and there is hardly a ripple in the water except for that created by the paddle of my kayak. My inspiration or drive to get in the studio and paint comes from meeting and speaking to local artists that I know or meet at various events. The Dan's Papers reception at the Reboli Center is a great example. What a great night that was! Sharing stories with other Dan's cover artists and meeting many of Dan's people behind the papers made me want to run home, pick up a brush and get to work. Those are the kind of things that really get my creative juices flowing.

For more of Gia Schifano's work, visit giaschifano.com, on Instagram @giaschifano and Facebook @gia.artstudio. Schifano's work is also at b.j. spoke gallery in Huntington.

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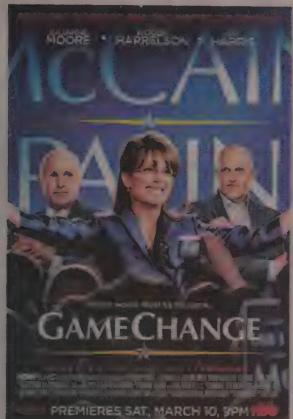




Arts & Entertainment

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East End Binge Watch: Montauk's Julianne Moore







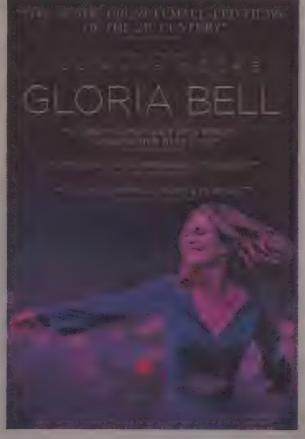
Montauk's Julianne Moore came from relatively humble beginnings by Hollywood standards. Before starring in films such as Boogie Nights and Hannibal, Moore played ingenue Frannie Hughes on the long-running CBS soap opera As the World Turns. During her three years on the show, Moore was involved in one of the series' most famous stories, as Frannie dated a man who was secretly obsessed with and stalking her mother. Moore's portrayal was so beloved that she reprised the role for one episode prior to the show's final episode in 2010.

These films, available to stream on services like Amazon Prime, Netflix and Hulu, show Moore's remarkable range. Watch her as a despairing 1950s housewife driven to the brink, a selfish rockstar stuck with a little kid and as real-life Alaska governor Sarah Palin.

THE HOURS (2002, dir. Stephen Daldry, stream on Amazon Prime): This dark drama based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name tells the story of three different women in three different times who are interconnected by the classic Virginia Woolf novel Mrs. Dalloway. Moore stars as a woman who finds life as a 1950s housewife and mother unfulfilling. The Hours also stars Meryl Streep as a modern-day woman whose life mirrors that of Mrs. Dalloway, and an unrecognizable Nicole Kidman as Virginia Woolf herself.

CHLOE (2009, dir. Atom Egoyan, stream on Netflix): In this erotic thriller, Moore plays Catherine, a gynecologist who hires Chloe, a highend escort (Amanda Seyfried) to test if her husband David (Liam Neeson) will cheat. Catherine and Chloe's transaction soon develops into a friendship, and then something more, but not all is at it seems. As secrets and lies come to the fore, Catherine's life is turned upside down.

CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (2011, dir. Glenn Ficarra, stream on Hulu): This romantic comedy tells the story of Cal (Steve Carell), whose life falls apart when his



wife, Emily (Moore), reveals she had an affair with a coworker (Kevin Bacon). While Cal gets his groove back with the help of suave man's man Jacob (Ryan Gosling), Emily finds that the grass wasn't necessarily greener outside of her marriage. This film also features Emma Stone and Marisa Tomei.

GAME CHANGE (2012, dir. Jay Roach, stream on Amazon Prime): Starring Moore as former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, this film chronicles the events of the 2008 presidential election through the eyes of political strategist Steve Schmidt (Woody Harrelson). Moore is absolutely incredible in this brutally honest, often darkly funny tale of how a bold idea can go very, very wrong.

THE ENGLISH TEACHER (2013, dir. Craig Zisk, stream on Amazon Prime): This lovely comedy stars Moore as a single high school English teacher who reconnects with talented former student Jason (Michael Angarano) to produce a play he wrote. While Moore and Jason share a surprising attraction, she soon finds herself drawn to his father, Tom (Greg Kinnear). Nathan Lane also stars.

WHAT MAISIE KNEW (2013, dir. David Siegel and Scott McGehee): A modern adaptation of an 1897 novella, What Maisie Knew stars Moore as Susanna, a rock musician in the midst of a divorce from Beale, played by Steve Coogan. As they fight for custody of their seven-year-old daughter, Maisie (Onata Aprile), the little girl grows close with their new partners (Alexander Skarsgard and Joanna Vanderham). This film was widely praised for its acting, including that of the young Aprile.

MAPS TO THE STARS (2014, dir. David Cronenberg, stream on Netflix): This satirical drama stars Moore as fading Hollywood actress Havana Segrand, who hires a severely burned young woman, Agatha (Mia Wasikowska) as her personal assistant, unaware of Agatha's ulterior motives. While extremely dark, this film has director Cronenberg's signature pitch-black humor and social commentary.

GLORIA BELL (2019, dir. Sebastián Lelio, stream on Amazon Prime): A comedic film about a middle aged woman attempting to find love again, Gloria Bell is a powerful showcase for Moore, who plays the title role. When Gloria, a divorcee who loves to go dancing and have fun, meets Arnold (John Turturro), a fun and exciting new relationship develops. But Gloria soon learns that romance doesn't get any easier as you get older.



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Food & Drink

East End Food Institute Offers Online Farmers Market, Aid to Local Farms



With farmers markets deemed essential in New York State, the East End Food Institute—a nonprofit that builds partnerships among local farmers, food producers and consumers—made the cautious decision to close the Riverhead Indoor Farmers Market anyway, paving the way for a new virtual shopping experience.

The Institute's online farmers market offers snacks, desserts, beverages, pantry staples, dressings, condiments, and ready-to-go meals including various soups, quiche, vegetarian chili, pizza and more. There are even some non-food items available, such as hair products and pet treats, with new East End vendors, products and dishes added on a rolling basis. All online purchases are scheduled for delivery or pickup on Wednesdays and Fridays. The minimum order total is \$50. Deliveries are free of charge and can be made to all locations in the five East End towns (East Hampton, Southampton, Riverhead, Southold and Shelter Island). Those picking up their purchased goods do so at the Stony Brook Southampton campus (39 Tuckahoe Road, Southampton) from noon-3 p.m.

We spoke with East End Food Institute Executive Director Kate Fullam about COVID-19's impact on the organization, the new online farmers market and the current state of East End farms.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the East End Food Institute?

During the COVID-19 crisis, food access and equity is clearly a hot topic. The food supply chain is essential, so we have remained open at our licensed commercial kitchen in Southampton with three staff members working on-site to sustain production and two remote

from home. Local food products are being produced and distributed for home delivery, and to local markets, farms and food pantries. Our operations have remained consistent, but the main shift was an expansion of our safety protocols, which include wearing masks and gloves, increased hand-washing, and daily cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch surfaces. We're keeping tuned in to the latest recommendations and adjusting.

With farmers markets deemed essential, what drove the decision to close the Riverhead Indoor Farmers Market?

Although the guidance from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets recommends keeping farmers markets open, we made the decision to close the physical operations of Riverhead Indoor Farmers Market for the season, which would have been the end of April. Our top priority was and is to keep vendors and consumers safe and healthy, so an indoor market environment seemed risky. With the future uncertain, in mid-March we pivoted to put our efforts toward connecting vendors with new opportunities to sell their goods, including the creation of a new virtual farmers market with home delivery and pickup options out of our licensed commercial kitchen in Southampton.

Does the online farmers market feature the same vendors as the Riverhead Indoor Farmers Market, or is this something entirely new?

While the online store originated as an attempt by East End Food Institute to provide relief to vendors from the Riverhead Indoor Farmers Market, we have received requests from many vendors to be added to the store.

In addition to the online store, what are some ways the local community can support the East End Food Institute?

Most recently and urgently, East End Food Institute is expanding its Farm to Community program. We are partnering up with local food pantries to address the surge in demand for food as community members are in need of additional support. The program includes distribution of 1,600 meals weekly to patrons of Heart of the Hamptons food pantry in Southampton and Springs Food Pantry in East Hampton, and it costs about \$10,000 per week. We are also sending prepared meals to the medical professionals at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

We have raised \$50,000 to fund the first five weeks (April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20), but we are seeking additional funds to sustain as long as is needed. When the program is no longer needed, any overage in funding will be dedicated to our established Farm to Community program, which involves freezing surplus local produce at the peak of freshness for food pantries and local institutions, such as hospitals and schools.

How has COVID-19 impacted East End farms and food producers?

The major impact I have seen on East End farms and food producers is having to shift their business model from wholesale high volume sales to retail pick-up and home delivery services. With social distancing in place, restaurants closed and many people hesitant to visit grocery stores, farms have disrupted their typical spring planting and preparing schedules to accommodate a surge in demand for getting food direct to the consumer. For those CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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producing food and beverage products, the closure or delayed opening of farmers markets has caused a shift as well. Farmers and food people are a tenacious bunch though, and the ingenuity and partnership I am seeing is really inspiring.

What are some of the ways the East End Food Institute is helping local farms and food producers in this time of crisis?

The virtual farmers market is a key initiative for keeping small businesses afloat, and we are working behind the scenes to expand and streamline the logistics to scale up and serve more producers. We would like to amplify this effort long-term by investing in software that would help us coordinate aggregation, processing and re-distribution of surplus local crops from many small to mid-sized farms on the East End to new wholesale buyers. This season we will also make a big push to ramp up production of products made from local produce, which we will buy from farms on the East End. The hope is to repair some of the financial impact related to decreased wholesale demand from restaurants being closed.

With reports of Wisconsin and Ohio farmers destroying millions of pounds of fresh produce

and dairy that they can't sell, what are some steps East End farms are taking to ensure no food gets wasted?

At the start of the season, most farms on the East End are preparing for the growing season and have limited supply of produce to provide to the community. Some farms that have greenhouse production or cold storage crops do have food available to sell right now, but at the same time there is a high demand for local produce. So, it is unlikely there is food going to waste here on the East End. That changes a bit in the height of the growing season when there is an abundance of fresh produce available. Many farms work with East End Food Institute at that point to freeze produce at the peak of freshness for distribution to schools, hospitals and food pantries. We also freeze produce to make into products later in the season or over the winter when fresh local produce is less available.

What are the benefits of purchasing a CSA share under normal circumstances, and how are the benefits different during the pandemic?

Remember, farms invest in all the materials and staff needed to grow produce BEFORE it is sold. Spur-of-the-moment retail sales make seeds seem like lottery tickets... A Community Supported Agriculture program gives the consumer an opportunity to make an up-front purchase to level out the financial investment for farms to get their season started and determine how to project and manage cash flow. In return, the consumer gets a discount on produce they would normally have bought at full retail prices. During the pandemic, our national and local food supply has been under strain. Securing a CSA share now has an added bonus of reserving your food supply in advance and avoiding panic around empty shelves at the store. Plus, there is the bonus of knowing exactly where your food comes from and who grew it!

Would you like to offer any words of encouragement or advice in these trying times?

Our team at East End Food Institute has been in communication with countless farmers, food producers, fishermen, beverage producers and many other partners over the last month since the COVID-19 crisis began. Everyone is thinking creatively and working together to support one another and their community, which is really inspiring. When I get frustrated or tired, I just try to see the light coming through the shadows. The best advice is to take it one day at a time and find your light. Oh, and go outside every day!

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

East End Food Institute's mission is to support, promote and advocate for local food and local producers. Our vision is to create a sustainable and equitable local food system.

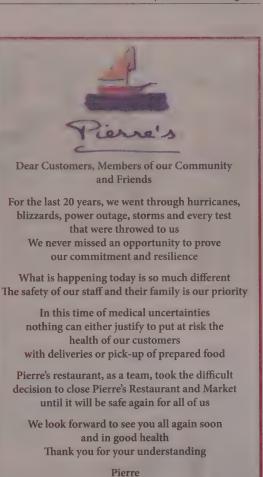
We operate a commercial kitchen in Southampton to produce local products for farms, schools, hospitals, food pantries and other distribution channels that help people access local food. Local entrepreneurs can also rent the kitchen to provide their food and beverage products.

BY DAVID TAYLOR

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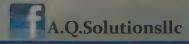


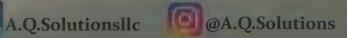
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this worldwide pandemic," says Loretta Davis, Executive Director of The Retreat. As with countless organizations that provide vital services to our community, The Retreat has been forced to adjust to the unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 virus while maintaining its life-saving resources. Since 1987, the East Hampton-based organization has been a safe haven for families in crisis, providing domestic violence and sexual assault services along with education to families, friends and neighbors in

"We have made creative adjustments to continue to offer our services to the most vulnerable in our midst. We want to be clear that the agency is not closed.

"The hotline has been re-routed to staff members at home, counselors are providing telephone sessions, advocates are connecting people to resources they need, and our attorney is providing online options while the courts are closed to the public," Davis continues. "Our shelter remains open and available to individuals and families in need, and our education department is working to create online programming.

During times of crisis, natural disaster and epidemics, Davis notes, the risk of gender-based violence escalates. The majority of spousal abuse takes place at home, and during this pandemic, a number of factors contribute to the potential and expected rise in domestic violence incidents.

The Deputy Director of the United Nations told Time magazine that the very technique we use to protect people from the virus can perversely impact victims of domestic violence, Davis adds. And therein resides one of the great issues facing The Retreat and those it strives to help.

"We must isolate to control the virus spread, but isolation is exactly what abusers do to their victims to keep them from interacting with friends and family. Domestic violence is about power and control," she says. "This pandemic forces victims to stay at home in close proximity to the abuser, creating circumstances that alter their safety.'

The victim who might normally be able to leave the house, take the kids to school, go shopping, she adds, is now in close proximity at all times to the abuser. As the abuser feels more stress, and feels out of control from perhaps a loss of income or noisy children or close quarters, both spouses and children are at risk. The National Domestic Violence Hotline reports that growing numbers of callers say abusers are using COVID-19 as a reason to either further isolate them from friends and family or threaten them with withdrawal of funds or food, even threatening that they will throw them out if they get sick, withholding medical assistance.

Although the norm of social interactions has changed so quickly and drastically, there are ways people can still help and take action:

- Be alert to friends and family members who you know or suspect may be in an abusive relationship.
- Check in with them. Are they being evasive, do they seem unusually distant? Do they hang up or interrupt your conversation abruptly?
- Give them a list of resources and phone numbers. and make sure they know you are there for them.

'Now more than ever, those of us who are strong and healthy and able to cope must help those at risk and those in the middle of domestic violence situations. If you suspect someone is in trouble, reassure them that there is help available.

'Organizations like The Retreat are open and serving clients every day during this pandemic," Davis says. "Across Long Island, other similar agencies are working hard to make services, including phone counseling,

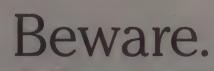
"The Retreat staff, board and supporters have been working hard, and I am in awe of them all. We are providing services remotely and are available for phone counseling, legal, advocacy and case management remote services. Court access is available through conference calls. Our shelter is available, and we have staggered work schedules there.

We are getting support for our elderly isolated clients who have no food and no transportation and live in remote areas. We have approved donations of supplies to the shelter-all deliveries must be approved-and the community is responding in positive ways. A donor, a known volunteer, delivered school supplies, basic food supplies-eggs, milk, groceries-and cupcake mixes, icing, table clothes, sprinkles and more as a project for our kids and adults at the shelter. These are essentials, too, in these times of stress.

"The best advice we can give is to be kind to everyone, even if you have to do it from six feet away, Davis reminds everyone. "Fear and anxiety raise levels of stress and anger. It's important to remain calm and practice kindness."

BY FRIC FEIL

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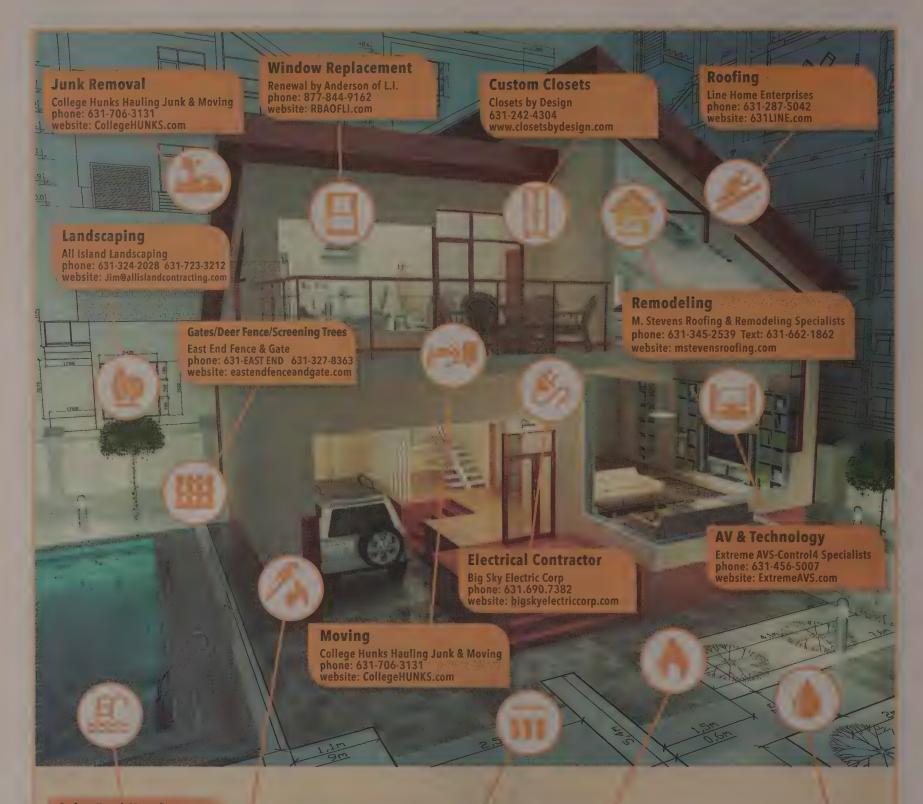
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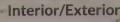
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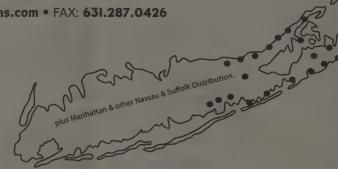
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The estate, co-exclusively represented by Paul Brennan and Martha Gundersen of Douglas Elliman, and Valerie Smith and Frank Newbold of Sotheby's, comprises two parcels--including one with a 5,500-square-foot, five-bedroom, six-bath main house on designed by architects Zwirko & Ortmann, which is sited on 5.4 acres, and a separate nearly 1.3-acre parcel with a four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath guest house with pool.

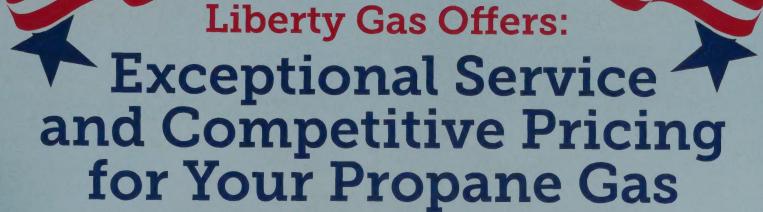
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